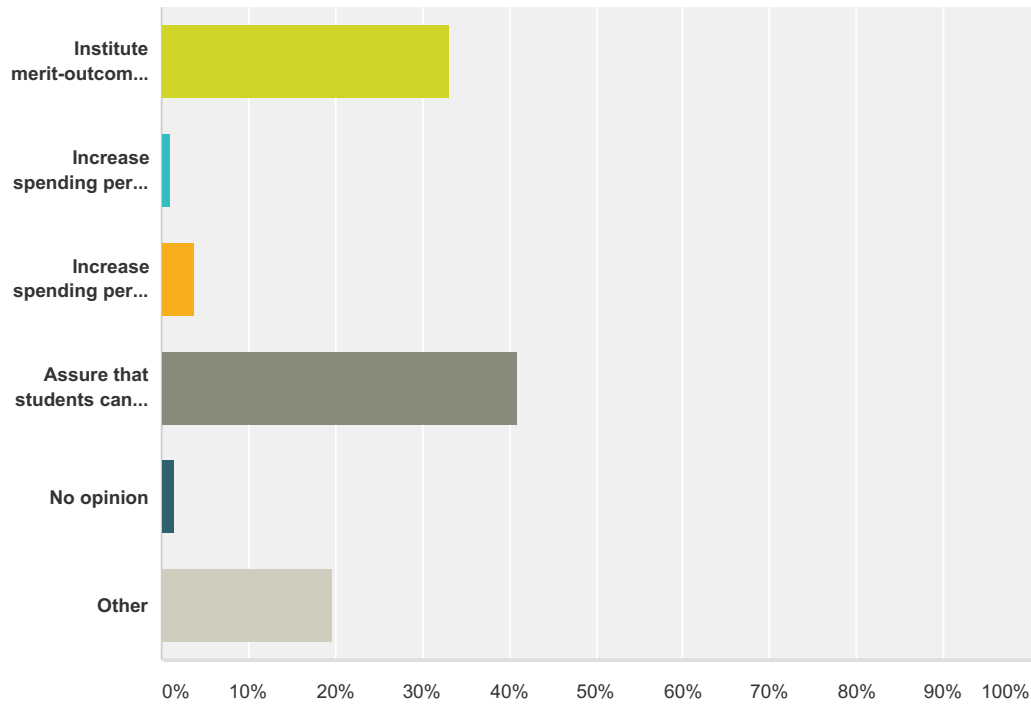


**Q9 New Mexico continually lags most other states in regards to education even though spending per student is above average as compared to other states. What do you believe should be done to better educate our children and prepare our future work force?**

Answered: 208 Skipped: 10



Answer Choices	Responses
Institute merit-outcome-based measures to determine teachers' salaries rather than compensation based on longevity.	33.17% 69
Increase spending per child on classroom related expenses.	0.96% 2
Increase spending per child for teacher salaries.	3.85% 8
Assure that students can read before leaving the third grade to assure success in later grades and life.	40.87% 85
No opinion	1.44% 3
Other	19.71% 41
<b>Total</b>	<b>208</b>

#	If you answered "other," or would like to comment further on your response, please share your insight on this issue in the space provided.	Date
1	I believe APS needs to be held accountable with their Billion Dollar Plus Budget. We need to get a new Superintendent that will control that budget and not just "rubber stamp" whatever APS wants. Common Core must go!!! I am running for the APS Board. I want CHANGES!!!	12/27/2016 12:08 PM

2	Students must be able to read before entering third grade. I think our students lag behind because of all the illegals in the school systems. The illegals are dragging our students down because they can't keep up.	12/27/2016 12:01 PM
3	What do successful states do? Copy them. More money is definitely NOT THE ANSWER. Need to bust up the union that has no interest in children - seems to be only interested in dues and the protection of incompetent union members.	12/26/2016 8:08 PM
4	Test students at the beginning and the end of the school year. Those not making the grade at either time (lost skills during the summer or not up to par at the end--failure to progress) should be put back a grade. The only exception to this could be the child who was injured or hospitalized during the school year who was otherwise a good student. I would give these kids a chance to catch up.	12/23/2016 8:38 PM
5	outlaw unions. Right to work. Teachers work for the taxpayers and should be made responsible to them.	12/23/2016 9:40 AM
6	Get rid of Common Core	12/23/2016 6:38 AM
7	Get State and Feds out of education.	12/22/2016 8:57 PM
8	Introduce a voucher system to allow parents options for where they send their children to school. In the near-term, we need more charter schools.	12/22/2016 5:01 PM
9	Let NM have private charter schools that are funded by our taxes. Parents should be allowed to send their children to any school, private or public, the child's share of the tax dollar for education should follow the child.	12/22/2016 12:08 PM
10	I support higher teachers salaries for beginning teachers, but salaries alone won't fix the problem. That's why I'm running for the APS School Board.	12/22/2016 11:55 AM
11	We need state-wide vocational school system for trades and skills training	12/22/2016 11:51 AM
12	Private school vouchers and a return of trade programs to high schools.	12/22/2016 8:46 AM
13	Better teacher training at the college level. Establish degrees in education at different student levels, for example, a BS in education for elementary grades. No tenure. Get rid of teacher unions! No job for teachers without a certificate in education. Recruit teachers from other states with similar requirements. NO EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION BABYSITTING SCHOOLS!	12/21/2016 1:12 PM
14	Institute merit-outcome-based measures to determine teachers' salaries rather than compensation based on longevity and ending social promotion.	12/16/2016 9:05 PM
15	Higher education schools should teach skills not indoctrination of students in Marxist, leftists political thought.	12/16/2016 3:51 PM
16	I have worked in the public school system and believe some teachers have no business teaching (or not teaching would be a better term) children. There has to be a better evaluation system other than children's test scores. The teachers have to spend too much time teaching them how to pass tests and not enough teaching basics!	12/15/2016 12:16 PM
17	Vouchers as well.	12/15/2016 6:32 AM
18	My second choice is the elimination of social promotion.	12/14/2016 9:48 PM
19	Outlaw teachers' unions--should be no public employee unions for those paid with taxpayer funds.	12/14/2016 11:42 AM
20	As with an employee who does not perform, an annual evaluation should be given to each district. As the student benefit, as the graduation rate increases, as schools emphasize on education not indoctrination, the district should benefit. Currently, it seems as if this process is backwards.	12/14/2016 10:30 AM
21	Continue to push head start programs, less testing of students, and use incentives for teachers. We are beating up our teachers. i.e. sick leave, losing points for being sick, why not give points for not using sick leave? Reward not punish teachers.	12/14/2016 9:39 AM
22	Forced parental involvement if kids do not achieve minimum standards (perhaps if they were accountable they would not have so many kids). Tie to public assistance....if the kids are truant.....benefits are cut.	12/14/2016 7:19 AM
23	Teacher and administrator salaries need to be performance based but the problem is how to set the matrix on how to measure performance.	12/14/2016 6:01 AM
24	Vouchers and disband the NEA	12/13/2016 11:55 PM
25	Public schools are an administrative nightmare. Having more rules enforced by members of the status quo will not solve the problem. The majority of the school board members should be parents of the students and not "education professionals" Minimum standards of achievement for each grade needs to be established and evaluated. If the student doesn't pass the evaluation, they do not advance.	12/13/2016 10:06 PM
26	Give teachers the opportunity to teach!!! Currently teachers cannot hold students accountable for productivity or behavior!!!! Teachers are having to spend more time on special needs, behavioral disorders and ESL students, not enough time to teach the other students in their class!!!!	12/13/2016 10:01 PM

27	Trash Common Core. Incentivize, celebrate and encourage trade and vocational training. Teach the facts about Free-Market Capitalism and emphasize its rewards by celebrating successful, tenacious entrepreneurs.	12/13/2016 9:29 PM
28	In a welfare state children don't have any incentive to become non-ignorant. Furthermore, in many cases the uneducated or under educated parents don't see a need for their children to be educated.	12/13/2016 8:41 PM
29	NM spending per student is NOT above average.	12/13/2016 8:41 PM
30	I am a former Vocational Education teacher in the secondary schools. When graduations requirements became "college bound" and the vocation ed classes were dropped--the drop out rate radically increased. We need to bring back "practical/life skills" into the curriculum and quit treating all students as though they are college bound as they are not. When on the advisory board to TVI--eons ago--they were frustrated because the students did not get the practical education they need for life before exiting high school. Take a good look at drop out rates--then look hard at college bound percentages, but also look at college degree percentages. Few who go to college finish. Why do we give our students practical classes so they can get entry level jobs to help them while they determine what direction they would like to go for their future. I am very opinionated on this subject!	12/13/2016 7:55 PM
31	remove common core	12/13/2016 7:06 PM
32	Focus on families!	12/13/2016 6:18 PM
33	No magic bullet here ... Reading is the base requirement. Our culture really does not value education	12/13/2016 5:50 PM
34	End union strangleholds and cronyism. Reduce education requirement for education assistants in elementary schools who are only paid under \$9 an hour so we can fill more open teaching slots.	12/13/2016 5:15 PM
35	It starts at home, there is consequences for actions. If you misbehave there is a punishment. You will come to school, learn, not cause trouble and discontent among the students or you will have a punishment and that maybe community service until you can learn to behave. On the other side this common core garbage needs to go away where it belongs! The system is trying to push all this crap and the ways we have taught children for years that have proven to work (i.e. look what the 50's & 60's generation have done; put a man on the moon. Developed all the technical aspects that we have now but hat's not good enough.) Kids today are doing things that was taught in colleges in as early as in the early 2000's. Forcing kids to learn things they will never use and every day concepts are thrown the to wolves is the biggest part of this problem. Get your priorities straight and the kids will follow suite.	12/13/2016 4:40 PM
36	Need to break the stranglehold unions have on education at all levels. We need right to work.	12/13/2016 4:40 PM
37	Teachers must be allowed to help children learn and to think through problems. Teaching to tests is a waste	12/13/2016 4:37 PM
38	Get rid of common core and start exploring voucher programs.	12/13/2016 4:26 PM
39	eliminate common core, stop paying for the education of illegal immigrants and award teachers based on student achievement, not on standardized test scores.	12/13/2016 4:12 PM
40	Vouchers	12/13/2016 1:23 PM
41	Vouchers, make public schools compete for students and funding.	12/13/2016 1:21 PM
42	Mandate that students cannot proceed from 3rd grade if they cannot read AT THE 3RD GRADE LEVEL. Get ride of the teachers union and the feminazi who's been running that show for the past 2 decades. Then lose NEA, then allow state vouchers & promote the heck out of charter schools that actually offer strongly enforced educational policies that tie the measurement of student success directly to the teachers, and lose the teachers that fail this metric. Stop requiring teachers to parent students. Hold parents accountable for their children's conduct in the schools and punish them for their darling children's defiant and disruptive conduct. Lastly, start teaching real history, real math, algebra, and real science again, and bring God back into ALL schools.	12/13/2016 12:38 PM
43	Move toward more charter schools and add vouchers for some private schools.	12/13/2016 12:30 PM
44	It is lack of parenting, not teachers, this is the major problem in NM. Change that culture and you'll change education and public safety for the better. Also, if people are here illegally, deport them - don't put their kids in school and expect us to pay for it and our teachers to educate them.	12/13/2016 12:29 PM
45	More school choice with their student results made available, lowered administrative cost, reduced federal involvement, parental involvement initiatives, etc.	12/13/2016 12:20 PM
46	We need more involvement at home from parents, kids come to school ill prepared, ill fed. Too many parents expect teachers to raise their children, I do not know how you mandate engaged parents.	12/13/2016 12:19 PM
47	Institute a voucher system to increase choices for parents. Add competition to the horribly inept public school districts like APS. Add constitutional amendment to eliminate third party collective bargaining for any publicly funded jobs.	12/13/2016 11:43 AM

48	Stop dumbing-down education in New Mexico. We continually lower our standards to get higher graduation rates and then wonder why so many kids going to college need to take remedial math during their freshman year. Why would any parent be pleased about sending their child to a school that permits below-average education to be permissible!	12/13/2016 11:08 AM
49	Allow more charter schools. Require tutoring for children not able to read or do basic math starting in the early grades.	12/13/2016 10:52 AM
50	Government schools are evil. End them. We had higher literacy before we had government schools. Two thousand years ago Cicero described bureaucrats and I find the description still fits. "A bureaucrat is the most despicable of men, though he is needed as vultures are needed, but one hardly admires vultures whom bureaucrats so strangely resemble. I have yet to meet a bureaucrat who was not petty, dull, almost witless, crafty or stupid, an oppressor or a thief, a holder of little authority in which he delights, as a boy delights in possessing a vicious dog. Who can trust such creatures?" —Marcus Tullius Cicero	12/13/2016 10:44 AM
51	My second choice would be to make sure students can read before leaving the third grade.	12/13/2016 10:21 AM
52	Will send separate note	12/13/2016 10:14 AM
53	Make discipline part of the academic environment and start teaching to excellence instead of mediocrity.	12/13/2016 10:12 AM
54	Privatize all education, eliminate all government funding for education, remove all education taxes.	12/13/2016 9:37 AM
55	We need a workforce that is proficient in the basic three R's. English must be the primary language.	12/13/2016 9:29 AM
56	Start by getting rid of the Public Education Department and give authority for budget and curriculum back to the local school boards.	12/13/2016 9:18 AM
57	students should also speak English fluently. no computers before 6th grade, kids learn fast how to operate computers but don't know how to think. I think they can be left out until high school, until basics of read, write, math are mastered. Also, there should be a mandatory u.s.. history/constitution class in jr-sr high, and also same but simpler version in grade school,. Also geography.	12/13/2016 9:11 AM
58	Common sense and teaching a student at their learning level instead of by age group and focusing individually on the child would be more beneficial.	12/13/2016 8:12 AM
59	If one would look at the history of New Mexico it has always been low in the education side of things. This is more of a "cultural" problem rather than spending or teachers. Until this is admitted and dealt with nothing will change.	12/13/2016 7:54 AM
60	Get rid of the preponderance of waste and overhead in APS	12/13/2016 7:46 AM
61	Increase credibility of the parents.	12/13/2016 7:30 AM
62	We haven't had a discussion in a century about what we expect from our schools...whether bigger is better and so on. The system is focused on itself. Middle schools are a disaster for young people but a convenience for administrators. Teachers are caught in the middle. It's all about administration and the union that feeds off the teachers and not much about students as individuals. Complete philosophical overhaul needed. Here's an idea: Leadership training for those who would be principals and administrators...	12/13/2016 7:29 AM
63	School choice legislation	12/13/2016 7:22 AM